

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A candleholder comprising:

a base unit for holding a candle, said base unit being a tray forming a bottom surface, which provides providing a horizontally extending support surface for a candle, and having an upstanding wall portion extending upwardly from a support surface; and

a separate, non-combustible cover member for placement over said candle and for mounting on said base unit during use of the candleholder, said cover member forming a top and having a peripherally extending wall section that extends downwardly from said top, said upstanding wall portion being relatively short in height compared to said cover member;

said peripherally extending wall section of candleholder formed by the combination of said base unit and said cover member having a plurality of openings located between said support surface and said top, each opening formed by partially cutting out and bending inward a small section of one of said upstanding wall portion and said peripherally-extending wall section so as to permit air either to enter through or exit out of said opening openings while also changing the direction of airflow of incoming air in order to help prevent the candle from being extinguished, at least some of said openings being located at a height corresponding approximately to the height of the candle when the candle is mounted on said support surface so that the candle flame can be seen through at least some of said openings during use of the candleholder,

wherein, during use of said candleholder, said upstanding wall portion engages said peripherally extending wall section and thereby acts to hold said cover member on said base unit.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Withdrawn) A candleholder according to claim 1 wherein said wall portion has a substantially greater height than the wall section of the cover member and said openings are formed in said wall portion.

4. (Withdrawn) A candleholder according to claim 3 including a separate lifting member having a magnetic base, wherein said cover member is made of a metal attracted to said magnetic base and said lifting member can be used to lift said cover member and remove same from said base unit by attaching said magnetic base to said top formed by the cover member.

5. (Withdrawn) A candleholder according to claim 3 wherein said base unit has an outwardly projecting rim extending around the exterior of said wall portion.

6. (Withdrawn) A candleholder according to claim 3 wherein said base unit is round in plan view, the top formed by said cover member is round, and said wall section of the cover member is a short, annular flange having an interior diameter corresponding closely to an exterior diameter of said wall portion.

7. (Withdrawn) A candleholder according to claim 3 including additional holes located in said top formed by said cover member.

8. (Original) A candleholder according to claim 1 wherein said base unit has an outwardly projecting rim extending around the exterior of said wall portion.

9. (Withdrawn) A candleholder according to claim 1 wherein said base unit and said cover member are round in plan view and said upstanding wall portion is cylindrical.

10. (Original) A candleholder according to claim 1 wherein said openings are substantially crescent shaped, each small section being cut along a single arcuate line extending through an angle of more than 90 degrees and not more than 180 degrees as measured from a centrepoin of the arcuate line, in order to form each opening.

11. (Original) A candleholder according to claim 1 wherein said openings are arranged in one or more horizontally extending rows.

12. (Currently Amended) A candleholder according to claim 8 wherein comprising:

a base unit for holding a candle, said base unit providing a horizontally extending support surface for a candle and having an upstanding wall portion extending upwardly from said support surface, said base unit having an outwardly projecting rim extending around the exterior of said wall portion, said rim is being formed with holes that can be used during use of said candleholder to secure the candleholder to the ground by means of U-shaped wire anchors that extend through said holes, said candleholder includes

at least several of said U-shaped wire anchors, each wire anchor has having two parallel prongs that are spaced-apart a selected distance, said holes in said rim are being arranged in pairs with one pair of said holes on each side of four sides of the tray, and the prongs of each wire anchor being insertable can be inserted through a respective one of said pairs of holes in order to secure the candleholder to the ground.:

a separate, non-combustible cover member for placement over said candle and for mounting on said base unit during use of the candleholder, said cover member forming a top and having a peripherally extending wall section that extends downwardly from said top,

said candleholder formed by the combination of said base unit and said cover member having a plurality of openings located between said support surface and said top,

each opening formed by partially cutting out and bending inward a small section of one of said upstanding wall portion and said peripherally-extending wall section so as to permit air either to enter through or exit out of said opening while also changing the direction of airflow of incoming air in order to help prevent the candle from being extinguished, at least some of said openings being located at a height corresponding approximately to the height of the candle when the candle is mounted on said support surface so that the candle flame can be seen through at least some of said openings during use of the candleholder.

wherein, during use of said candleholder, said upstanding wall portion engages said peripherally extending wall section and thereby acts to hold said cover member on said base unit.

13. (Withdrawn) A candleholder apparatus for use outdoors comprising:

an exterior housing adapted for mounting in the ground below ground level, said housing including a top with a relatively large opening formed therein, a bottom, and a peripherally extending sidewall portion extending between said top and said bottom,

a tray section having an upright horizontal position for supporting one or more candles on an upwardly facing first side of the tray section and an upside down, horizontal position for covering said opening in said housing,

a separate cover section for placement over said one or more candles and on said tray section in said upright position, said cover section having a top, an open bottom, and a peripherally extending sidewall extending between said top and said bottom of the cover section, said cover section being formed with openings for air to flow into and out of a candle holding space formed by said cover section,

wherein said cover section can be inserted substantially through said opening in said housing for storage in said housing and said tray section can then be used in the upside down, horizontal position to cover both said cover section and said opening in the housing.

14. (Withdrawn) A candleholder apparatus according to claim 13 wherein said exterior housing includes a base portion made of concrete and forming a bottom section of the housing.

15. (Withdrawn) A candleholder apparatus according to claim 13 wherein said tray section includes a flat metal plate providing said first side for supporting the one or more candles and a wall portion which extends upwardly when said tray section is in said upright, horizontal position and which is connected to said metal plate.

16. (Withdrawn) A candleholder apparatus according to claim 13 wherein said openings for air in said cover section are formed in said sidewall thereof and are formed by partially cutting out and bending inward small sections of said sidewall.

17. (Withdrawn) A candleholder apparatus for use outdoors comprising:
a housing adapted for mounting in or on the ground, said housing including a top end with an opening therein, a bottom end, and a peripherally and vertically extending sidewall portion that extends between said top end and said bottom end;

a tray section capable of supporting over said one or more candles on an upper side thereof during use of said candleholder apparatus while being mounted on said top of said housing; and

a cover section adapted for placement over said one or more candles and on said tray section during use of the candleholder apparatus, said cover section having a top, an open bottom, and a vertically extending sidewall portion extending between said top and bottom of the cover section, said cover section being formed with ventilation holes and with outwardly extending flange means at its bottom, for supporting said cover section in an upside down position in said housing,

wherein said cover section can be stored in said housing in said upside down position by insertion through said opening in the top of the housing, and in this position, the flange means rests on an upper edge section of the housing.

18. (Withdrawn) A candleholder apparatus according to claim 17 wherein said housing includes a base portion made of a layer of concrete and said housing is constructed for placement below ground with its top at about ground level.

19. (Withdrawn) A candleholder apparatus according to claim 17 wherein said tray section is sized for and adapted for use as a top cover when the cover section is stored in said housing, said tray section being capable of completely covering said opening in the top of the housing and provided with attachment hole means for attaching said tray section to said housing in a detachable manner.

20. (Withdrawn) A candleholder for mounting on a vertical support surface comprising:

a tray section adapted for holding a candle, said tray section providing a substantially flat candle-supporting surface and having a wall portion extending upwardly from said candle-supporting surface;

a separate, non-combustible cover section for placement over said candle and said tray section during use of the candleholder, said cover section including an open bottom

and a peripherally-extending sidewall portion formed with a plurality of openings, each opening being defined in part by a small section of said sidewall portion that is bent inwardly on one side of the respective opening, each small section being adapted to change normally an initial direction of airflow of air entering through its respective opening in order to prevent the candle from being extinguished, said openings being located at a height corresponding approximately to the height of said candle when the candle is mounted on said candle supporting surface so that the candle can be seen through one or more of said openings during use of the candleholder; and

arm means for mounting said tray section and said cover section on said vertical support surface,

wherein during the use of said candleholder, said wall portion of the tray section fits within said sidewall portion of the cover section.

21. (Withdrawn) A candleholder according to claim 20 wherein said arm means comprises an elongate arm section having a wall anchor at one end thereof and a cross-piece that extends perpendicularly to the length of said arm section and said tray section has a bottom portion formed with vertical slots into which said arm section and said cross-piece can slide in order to attach said tray section to said arm means.

22. (Withdrawn) A candleholder according to claim 21 wherein said cover section is also formed with vertical slots that extend upwardly a short distance from a bottom edge of said sidewall portion and, during use of said candleholder, said arm section and said cross-piece can slide into the slots formed in the cover section in order to detachably mount said cover section on said arm means.

23. (New) A candleholder according to claim 1 wherein said base unit and said cover member are round in plan view and said upstanding wall portion is cylindrical.